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So, with that explanation, I will yield the rest of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. We are debating the advancement of LB 376 to E & R Initial. Senator Wehrbein, on the advancement.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Bromm, I guess I have a question. I didn't know whether to punch my light or not.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, for a question, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: This kind of hits me wrong. Is this a...is this going to be a chicken or an egg situation where they'll keep building bigger ones and then we have to change the law to accommodate them? Other states apparently have gotten this. They...this is not confined to the interstate or versus other state highways. I...I just...these huge outfits, and I guess I'll be very blunt here, you don't need a CDL to drive them, as I understand it,...

SENATOR BROMM: No, that's right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...but they make those of us on the farm with a little 16...not "16 footer", but this called tandem axle truck have to have a CDL, and I know the gross weight isn't there but certainly the size is there. And I have some frustrations with those on the highway sometimes because they're not driven like a truck is driven in terms of safety, by my observation. So I was just wondering kind of what was behind this if...or if anything. Or do we have to kind of do this to bring ourselves in line with other states, and what...if they're blinking their eyes at us now, is this permit system a little bit of a farce anyway? I'd like maybe...I'd like to ask Senator Bromm the questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. And I...I don't know how to respond to your suggestion that are they going to keep making them longer and longer and wider and I don't know.